



Ruth Ammon

December 17, 1920 - August 14, 2015

Ruth C. Mitchel Ammon, 94, of Bloomington died Friday at Garden Villa in Bloomington, returning to the loving arms of her Lord and Savior. Ruth was born on December 17, 1920 in Gaungzhou (Canton), China to the Rev. Dr. Jesse and Alice (Sherbon) Mitchel, Covenanter missionaries to China.

Her early schooling was in Hong Kong, China and she graduated from high school in Sterling, Kansas. Upon graduation from Sterling College in 1941 with a Bachelor of Science degree, she taught school in Ezel Kentucky for two years. She then married Eugene H. Ammon, a Sterling College classmate, in Washington, DC in June of 1943.

Ruth served as a helpmate to her minister husband for five years following Eugene's completion of seminary. The couple and their three children then moved to Assiut, Egypt as missionaries with the United Presbyterian church. After sixteen years in Egypt, Ruth and Eugene moved to Basrah, Iraq to continue their work. On returning to the U.S., they served among Assiniboine and Sioux tribal members in Poplar, Montana.

Ruth and Eugene lived in Bloomington for a time in the 1980's and then moved to Washington, Iowa to live at the U.P. Home. She lived there for eighteen years, but returned to Bloomington in 2008, where she lived with her daughter until April of this year.

She was preceded in death by her husband Eugene, brother Dr. Alvin (Jim) Mitchel, and her parents.

She is survived by her son David (Verlyn) and their daughter Corrie (Lance) Leber of Colorado; Kathy (Doug Enoch), Kathy's son Robert Brunnemer (Amy) and children Jon, PK, Mitch and Zach, Doug's son Patrick (Rachel) and son Jase, Doug's daughter Tara (Lee) Terrell, all of Indiana; Becky and son Isaac Stetson of Michigan. Additionally she is survived by Alvin's wife Jo and children Rob, Cis, Patrice, Becky and their children and grandchildren.

There will be no services at this time. A celebration of her life will occur at a later date when her ashes will be scattered with those of her husband.